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Re the Application of: **Ryoji KATO, et al.**

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Examiner: **Anne L. Holleran**

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For: **METHOD FOR MEASURING THYROGLOBULIN**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 21, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003 for two months from August 21, 2003, to October 21, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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